



Chairperson Vice-Chair

DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting
Thursday, August 27, 2009

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, August 27, 2009, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Rev. Jim Holley
Rev. Ronald L. Griffin
Toney Stewart
Adela Rivera
Mohamed Okdie

Department Personnel Present

Chief Warren Evans
AC Ralph Godbee
DC John Clark
DC James Tolbert
2nd DC John Roach
Cmdr. Linda Vertin-Peltier
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee
Cmdr. Eric Ewing
Cmdr. Todd Bettison
Insp. Stephen Carlin
Lt. Loletha Porter
Lt. Anthony Topp
Lt. Michael Adams
Lt. Cynthia Williams
Sgt. Shawn Wesley
Sgt. Bernard Beck-O-Steen
Sgt. Michael Dailey
PO Sophia Nelms
PO Lucretia Wright
PO George Chester
PO Roland Clark

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Celia Banks-Washington, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator
Lt. Lashinda Houser, Police Personnel **(ABS)**
Lt. Daniel Allen
Leslie J. Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator
PO Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Marc Deldin	Santiago Esparza	Judge Deborah Thomas
Tijuana Morris	Ron Scott	Edward Moore

RECORDERS

PO Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Griffin called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:04 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Thursday, August 27, 2009**

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Thursday, August 6, 2009**

MOTION: Comm. **Holley** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: Comm. **Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

- **Thursday, August 13, 2009**

MOTION: Comm. **Holley** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: Comm. **Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

- **Thursday, August 20, 2009**

MOTION: Comm. **Holley** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: Comm. **Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

OFFICE CLOSING

The Board of Police Commissioners' Office and the Office of the Chief Investigator will be **CLOSED** on the following date:

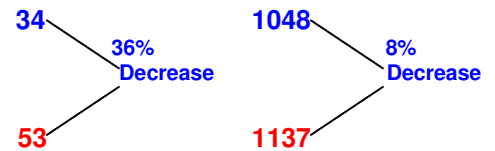
- Monday, September 7, 2008, in observance of Labor Day.

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

2009 - Weekly Count of Complaints:

This Week

Year to Date



2008 - Weekly Count of Complaints:

- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of **1,053** active investigations, of which **675** of those are for 2009. A total of **1,258** investigations have been closed since January 1, 2009.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 08/27/09	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
1	CENTRAL		1								1
6	EASTERN		4				3				7
4	NORTHEASTERN	1	2	1			3		1		8
1	NORTHWESTERN		1				1				2
1	SOUTHWESTERN		1				1				2
3	GANG ENFORCEMENT		1	2			3				6
4	COMMUNICATIONS		3								3
1	HOMICIDE		1		1						2
9	Unknown Command		3		1		2			2	8
1	ORGANIZED CRIME				1						1
1	INVESTIGATIVE OPS									1	1
1	10TH PRECINCT		1								1
1	12TH PRECINCT		2				1				3
34		1	20	3	3		14		1	3	45

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



Special Points of Interest:

- **Next meeting:**

Thursday, September 3, 2009

@ 3:00 P.M.

Detroit Police Department
1300 Beaubien St. 328-A
Detroit, Michigan 48226

“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Domestic Violence

On August 17, 2009, officers of the Northeastern District responded to the 4000 block of Marlborough on a “Person with a Weapon” and a subject was arrested. As a result of the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the subject was charged with “Assault with a Dangerous Weapon (Felony Assault), Weapons-Felony Firearm, and Domestic Violence.”

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Engaging the Community

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District/Precinct stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Mini/Sub-Stations to make reports.

	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
	1300 Beaubien	24 Hours	596-5100
	2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
	7737 Kercheval	*8 a.m. to 2 p.m.	628-2121
	19810 Grand River	*9 a.m. to 9 p.m.	870-0649
	13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
	2575 S. Schaefer	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	297-9423
	20 Atwater	24 Hours	237-2850
	13206 E. Jefferson	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	821-5851
	22101 Moross (St. John Hospital)	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	343-7506
	14700 Mack	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	852-4046

* Mini-Stations– Monday –Friday

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Sex Crimes

On August 20, 2009, a subject who was previously investigated by members of Sex Crimes was arrested on a six count warrant for "Criminal Sexual Conduct 1st Degree."



Northeastern District

On August 19, 2009, officers of the Northeastern District responded to the area of John R. and State Fair on a "Robbery Armed/Unlawfully Driving Away an Automobile." Subsequent to their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Robbery Armed, Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Felony in Possession, and Habitual 3rd." Property and a weapon was recovered.



Southwestern District

On August 18, 2009, officers of the Southwestern District responded to the 1000 block of Beatrice on a "Possible Homicide." As a result of their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Felony Murder and Premeditated Murder."



Northwestern District

On August 20, 2009, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the area of Florence and Greenfield on a "Shooting." Due to the officers' investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm and Habitual 2nd."

Chief Evans introduced Cmdr. Ewing of Resource Management.

Cmdr. Ewing introduced his staff and Lt. Adams who gave the presentation on Resource Management.

Lt. Adams gave an overview of the units and departments that fall under Resource Management including its relationship with the Detroit Building Authority and the projected funding.

SEE ATTACHMENT

Comm. Holley asked to know the cost to fix a roof on the district or precinct building.

Lt. Adams stated two years ago it was around \$400,000 and now it is half of that.

Comm. Holley asked if the bids process give incentives for minority Detroit-based businesses.

Lt. Adams stated that process is managed by the Detroit Building Authority, but there is a set aside for Detroit-based minority contractors.

Chief Evans asked if the city owns all of the properties that are being roofed.

Lt. Adams stated yes.

Chairperson Griffin asked to know how the projects were funded.

Lt. Adams stated there is a slide that will explain it.

Comm. Rivera asked if each district or precinct has a person in charge of cleaning.

Lt. Adams stated two years ago, the General Service Department (GSD) was created by the former administration. All of the employees and moneys assigned to police were transferred to that department.

Comm. Holley stated if that's the case, why the department doesn't ask this Board for some assistance in getting those employees back.

DC Clark stated there was a budgetary challenge to the city and they had to consolidate some employees to be used at more than one location.

Comm. Rivera asked can the department get those dollars back from the GSD so the department can have their own workers again.

DC Clark stated there have been some discussions internally. This department service isn't the only one service that has diminished through this consolidation.

Comm. Okdie asked how much money was shifted to the GSD.

DC Clark stated he doesn't know the dollar amount, but there were about 40 employees reassigned to the GSD. Everything that is associated with the reassignment is about five million dollars (\$5M).

Comm. Okdie stated those 40 didn't lose their jobs.

DC Clark stated that's correct.

Comm. Okdie asked how those reassignments save money.

DC Clark stated the intent was to have those personnel working in one place and to service any department or building.

Comm. Okdie stated it wasn't a question of saving money but efficiency.

DC Clark stated arriving to efficiency leads to savings if you can do more work with the same amount of people.

Comm. Okdie stated if the service has deteriorated then there is no efficiency, because officers and civilians are working in fewer conditions, and citizens are leaving with a bad impression.

Comm. Stewart asked who manages the construction of what's being done to a building.

DC Clark stated the Detroit Building Authority charges 5% of the total cost to manage all projects and they hire a general contractor.

Comm. Stewart stated yes, a general contract can make sure all the work is done with a warranty on all the maintenance.

DC Clark stated the warranty on all maintenance is one of the things they insist on having.

Comm. Stewart stated it works and it helps to save a lot of money.

DC Clark stated the Building Authority has gotten a lot better in managing the projects.

Chairperson Griffin asked if the funding budget is proofed.

DC Clark stated these projects funds were locked in two years ago, but on future projects, it will depend on the city selling its bonds.

Chairperson Griffin asked if this Board has the authority to ask the GSD to come before it to explain why the service is diminishing.

Exec Dir. Goss stated this Board can make a request for them to come.

Chairperson Griffin stated let's put a request together so there can be conversations regarding the service.

Comm. Holley stated starting out it was his understanding that this switch wasn't in the best interest of the police department. Now he is confused. If the department needs help, then they need to ask this Board to assist them.

DC Clark stated it will be helpful, but the GSD is also struggling with its limited resources. He stated they are doing the best they can.

Comm. Rivera stated that isn't good enough and that the buildings were in better shape when the department had their own people.

Chairperson Griffin stated the problem will not be solved today, and to put in a request to have the GSD to come before this Board.

Comm. Rivera asked who is responsible for notifying a citizen that a tow yard has their vehicle.

DC Clark stated if it has been abandoned, it is the police's responsibility to notify the citizen.

Chairperson Griffin stated the question needs to be asked during the towing presentation.

Chief Evans asked if the any revenues generated from the car auctions.

DC Clark stated yes.

Chief Evans stated there are two different auctions; the police department and the authorized tower's auctions. He asked if any revenues are received from the tower's auctions.

DC Clark stated yes, sir

Comm. Rivera asked if it goes to the general fund or the police department.

DC Clark stated the general fund accounts for the city.

Chairperson Griffin stated that anything that has to do with towing will be given in a report.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Comm. Holley stated the Personnel Subcommittee met today and finalized the process and is making the recommendation to offer Ms. Dalph Watson the position of Director of Police Personnel.

MOTION: **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to approve the Recommendation.

SECOND: **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Comm. Okdie asked Ms. Watson if she accepts the offer.

D. Watson stated yes, and gave a brief description of her background and experience.

Chairperson Griffin stated this was the third series of interviews to make sure that this process was transparent and is pleased to have Ms. Watson on board.

7. NEW BUSINESS

1. **GRANTS:**

1. **REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO ACCEPT THE 2006 BUFFER ZONE PROTECTION PROGRAM**

The Department of Homeland Security awarded the Michigan State Police a 2006 Buffer Zone Protection Program Grant in the amount of \$1,945,500.00 and the Detroit Police Department's Office of Homeland Security (HLS) has been allocated **\$170,453.95 with no cash match**. The appropriation number is 12733.

The grant funding would be utilized to enhance the Buffer Zone around the Detroit waste Treatment Plant. The grant performance period is October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2009

Upon your approval, the Detroit City Council will be requested to adopt a resolution supporting the acceptance of these funds.

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Grant.

SECOND: **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Comm. Holley asked what's a buffer zone.

Sgt. Wesley stated a program created by Homeland Security that identifies a structure within a community to help protect that facility.

Comm. Rivera asked if it was awarded in 2006.

Sgt. Wesley stated yes, but the department wasn't awarded the monies until February 2008. The department could not accept this money until all documentation was in place.

Comm. Rivera stated is this for the facility in Southwest Detroit

Sgt. Wesley stated yes.

2. REQUEST PERMISSION TO ACCEPT THE 2009 RECOVERY ACT JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM STIMULUS FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

The Department of Justice's (DOJ) Office of Justice Programs has awarded Wayne County a 2009 Recovery Act Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program in the amount of **\$12,433,942.00**. Within this funding, the Detroit Police Department has been allocated **\$8,448,578.00, with no cash match**. The Wayne County Sheriff's Office serves as the grant's fiscal agent. The award number is 2009-SB-B9-1422. The grant's appropriation number is 12896.

With this funding, the Detroit Police Department will purchase additional mobile data computers, automatic license plate recognition readers, and video cameras for in-vehicle use. Deputy Chief Leo Powers, of the Technology Services Bureau, will serve as the Project Director.

The Chief is requesting the Board's permission to accept this award and will seek approval of the attached resolution from the Detroit City Council.

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Grant.

SECOND: **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Comm. Rivera asked is this new money for in-car cameras.

Lt. Williams stated this is stimulus money that has been awarded.

Comm. Rivera stated this is additional money and asked when the department will receive the first portion.

Lt. Williams stated this is the first portion.

Comm. Rivera asked if there was money for in-car cameras before.

Lt. Williams stated that was on an old grant funding.

Comm. Rivera asked if the department received in-car videos from the old grant.

Lt. Williams stated some were ordered with the old grant.

8. OLD BUSINESS

1. GRANTS:

1. REQUEST TO ACCEPT A COPS HIRING RECOVERY PROGRAM (CHRP) GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICES'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES

The United States Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services has awarded the Detroit Police Department (DPD) a COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) grant (# 2009-RJ-WX-0053) in the amount of **\$11,148,750.00, with no cash match**. The grant period is July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012.

This program provides funding directly to law enforcement agencies to hire and/or rehire career law enforcement officers in an effort to create and preserve jobs, and to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts. This CHRP grant will provide funding to pay the salaries of 50 newly hired DPD officers for three years (36 months). At the conclusion of the federal funding, CHRP grantees are required to retain all officer positions awarded for at least 12 months from the time that the 36 months of grant funding for each CHRP position expires.

In the event that this grant is accepted, Lieutenant Darwin K. Roche, of Recruiting, would serve as the project director. The appropriation number for this grant is 12695.

Upon your approval, the Detroit City Council will be requested to adopt a resolution supporting this acceptance.

Comm. Holley asked if this is an additional \$12 million dollars.

AC Godbee stated no. It was presented two weeks ago at the community meeting and it wasn't approved due to the lack of a quorum.

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Grant.

SECOND: **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

2. REQUEST PERMISSION TO ACCEPT A DETROIT – STATE BYRNE JAG GRANT (50001-1-09-B) FROM THE STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

The Department of Community Health has granted the Detroit Police Department (DPD) **\$270,000.00, with no cash match** for a “Detroit – State Byrne JAG Grant.” The \$270,000 will be divided equally between the Detroit Police Department, Wayne State University Public Safety and Detroit Public Schools Public Safety. Each of the three entities will receive \$90,000, with DPD serving as the fiduciary. The grant period is July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2012.

The funding designated for DPD will allow for increased and focused patrol at targeted high schools within the Twelfth Precinct and the Northeastern District (Pershing, King, Kettering, Mumford, U of D). This presence will come in the form of patrol in motor vehicles, as well as bike patrol. The main goal of the project is to bring about a reduction in school related incidents, crime and calls for service to the targeted locations. While officers are patrolling the neighborhoods prior to and after school, they will also have the added responsibility of addressing various concerns of the communities surrounding the schools. It is expected that, as a result of the increased patrols in neighboring communities, a decrease in crime and calls for service in those areas will occur as well.

If approval is granted to accept this funding, Commander Catherine Tuttle, of the Twelfth Precinct, and Commander Frankie Lewis, of the Northeastern District, would serve as the project directors. The appropriation number is 12693.

The Chief is requesting the Board's permission to accept this award and seek approval of the attached resolution from the Honorable Detroit City Council.

Comm. Holley asked how the community will be involved regarding this Grant.

Cmdr. Peltier stated they had a brainstorming discussion with the citizens and all the relevant parties. It was suggested that the officers use police bikes and segways to encourage citizens to ask questions regarding the new equipment.

Comm. Okdie asked how will you be able to use this equipment in the winter.

Cmdr. Peltier stated the sidewalks around the schools will be plowed and the segways will be used inside of the schools.

Chairperson Griffin stated his concern is what are the collaborating partner functions in this and asked the Chief if there was a strategy in place.

Chief Evans stated the department has several different relationships with the schools and this is one small component of a much bigger picture. He also stated that it is a well-thought program.

MOTION: Comm. Holley made the motion to approve the Grant.

SECOND: Comm. Rivera seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**3. REQUEST PERMISSION TO ACCEPT A DETROIT TECHNOLOGY GRANT
(50002-1-09-B) FROM THE STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY HEALTH**

The Department of Community Health has granted the Detroit Police Department (DPD) \$360,000.00, with no cash match for a "Detroit Technology Grant." The \$360,000 will be divided equally between the Detroit Police Department, Wayne State University Public Safety and Detroit Public Schools Public Safety. Each of the three entities will receive \$120,000, with DPD serving as the fiduciary. The grant period is July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2012.

The funding designated for DPD will be utilized to improve technology in DPD scout cars. A Data Cellular Network will be installed in the cars, increasing the bandwidth and allowing the cars to have the same reporting capabilities as a District. Officers will be able to prepare and submit reports while in the scout car and have Internet access.

If approval is granted to accept this funding, Commander Russell Decrease, of Technical Support, would serve as the project director. The appropriation number is 12694.

The Chief is requesting the Board's permission to accept this award and seek approval of the attached resolution from the Honorable Detroit City Council.

MOTION: Comm. Okdie made the motion to approve the Grant.

SECOND: Comm. Rivera seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**2. RESOLUTIONS: MS. HELEN B. GILLESPIE
MS. SANDRA A. BUTLER**

MOTION: Comm. Rivera made the motion to approve the Resolutions.

SECOND: Comm. Okdie seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

9. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, September 3, 2009
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

10. **ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Comm. Holley asked if in-car video and Gang Squad can appear before this Board and provide a presentation.

Chairperson Griffin stated yes, and the third will be coming from the Towing Task force.

Judge Thomas gave a brief update on the project that was submitted to the Board last week and stated she needed some assistance with connecting with someone from the radio stations.

Comm. Holley asked was this a presentation given when he was absent.

Chairperson Griffin stated yes, and informed Judge Thomas that Comm. Holley will be able to help.

E. Moore stated for the Chief and the Board to continue making the streets safe and involving the citizens.

R. Scott asked what is police-oriented policing. Secondly, how much money was spent on the in-car videos and what is the time table regarding the "Request for Proposal" (RFP). He also asked for a report on the ticket and tow.

Chief Evans stated the Cops Grant is to hire cops.

R. Scott stated he would like to define what the grant means and how is it going to happen.

Chief Evans stated the grant was written before he got here but it does allow for the department to hire 50 officers. He stated the ticket and towing is working wonderfully, because traffic enforcement is stopping fewer people without a valid license. The department previously spent millions of dollars on an in-car video system that had lot of problems. He stated an RFP will be going out next week.

Chairperson Griffin stated during the meeting with Judge Cook, it is his understanding that there were 40 in-car cameras that the department was mandated. He didn't give a date, but is it part of this Grant.

AC Godbee stated the date was in reference to getting the RFP out and the department is on point with that mandate.

Chairperson Griffin stated the 49 mandate in-car cameras are different from this Grant.

AC Godbee stated that part of it may be used.

Comm. Rivera asked what happened to the fleet of cars that couldn't be delivered because of the in-car videos.

Chairperson Griffin asked is there a back order on cars for the police department.

AC Godbee stated yes, sir. There was a RFP and a one-stop-shop company (Great Lakes) has yet to deliver the product. The department is currently having legal discussion for breach of contract.

Chairperson Griffin asked AC Godbee to come back and give the Board an update.

AC Godbee stated yes, sir.

Atty. Washington provided follow-up information on the Wayne County Mental Health Symposium. She stated that symposium will take place on September 22nd and 23rd at the Detroit Yacht Club. They also plan to recognize Comm. Okdie as one of the Founders of the symposium.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb